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DOH-COLLIER ISSUES ADVISORY FOR NAPLES PIER BEACH



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Naples, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) has posted a **HEALTH ADVISORY** for **Naples Pier Beach** after recent sampling showed bacteria levels in the water to be greater than 71 colonies per 100 milliliters of marine water, putting this beach in the **poor** range.

Causes of the elevated level that prompted the advisory are unknown, but are generally associated with wildlife, heavy recreational usage, runoff following heavy rains, and high surf from high winds and high tides. DOH-Collier always encourages rinsing with fresh water after swimming in any natural body of water, and avoid swallowing any water while swimming.

DOH-Collier staff sample 12 points from Marco Island to Barefoot Beach and test for Enterococci bacteria, as recommended by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the EPA. Samples are laboratory tested for concentrations and a value assigned to indicate poor, moderate, or good ranges.

Date	Name	City	Enterococci	Result	Status
6/19/17	Wiggins Pass	Naples	Undetected	Good	Satisfactory
6/19/17	Vanderbilt Beach	Naples	Undetected	Good	Satisfactory
6/19/17	Park Shore	Naples	Undetected	Good	Satisfactory
6/19/17	Doctor's Pass	Naples	Undetected	Good	Satisfactory
6/19/17	Lowdermilk Park	Naples	Undetected	Good	Satisfactory
6/19/17	Naples Pier	Naples	86	Poor	Resample 6/21/17
6/19/17	Hideaway Beach	Marco Island	Undetected	Good	Satisfactory
6/19/17	Tigertail Beach	Marco Island	Undetected	Good	Satisfactory
6/19/17	Residents Beach	Marco Island	Undetected	Good	Satisfactory
6/19/17	South Marco Beach	Marco Island	Undetected	Good	Satisfactory
6/19/17	Barefoot Beach	Naples	Undetected	Good	Satisfactory
6/21/17	Naples Pier	Naples	186	Poor	Advisory

United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) recommended criteria for enterococci is:

Good = 0-35 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water

Moderate = 36-70 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water

Poor = 71 or greater Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water

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